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Richland Operations Office
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September 18, 2018

Mr. Gerry Pollet
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Dear Mr. Pollet:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2018-01335)

This letter is in reference to the electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request your office submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). In the request letter, your office asked for "all public records and documents (including email, electronic, and paper records) relating to:

- 1) Any notice to the public given by the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) related to the September 11, 2008 Waste Incidental to Reprocessing (WIR) determination for soils at the Hanford site.
- 2) Any formal comments issued by the USDOE related to the September 11, 2008 WIR determination at the Hanford site.
- 3) Any notice given by the USDOE to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding the September 11, 2008 WIR determination at Hanford.
- 4) Any comments or correspondence, including but not limited to formal comments, emails or meeting minutes, between the USDOE and the Washington Department of Ecology concerning the September 11, 2008 WIR determination at Hanford."

In a telephone conversation with me on August 7, 2018, you limited the scope of your request to documents dated January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2009. We have conducted a thorough search for documents responsive to your request and have located none. Our search was conducted by individuals within the agency who are most familiar with the subject matter of your request in locations where responsive documents would most likely be found. We searched the archive files and databases in the Records Holding Area that maintains and stores archived Hanford Site records, records located in the Integrated Data Management System, and DOE staff records and emails.

The undersigned individual is responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, as provided in 10 CFR 1004.8, for the adequacy of our search. Should you choose to exercise this right, your appeal must be filed within 90 days after receipt of this letter. You may submit your appeal by email to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line (this is the method preferred by the Office of Hearing and Appeals).

Alternatively, any such appeal may be made in writing to the following address: Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals (HG-1), U.S. Department of Energy, L'Enfant Plaza Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Should you choose to appeal, please provide my office with a copy of your appeal. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either (1) in the district where you reside, (2) where you have your principal place of business, (3) where DOE's records are situated, or (4) in the District of Columbia.

You may contact the DOE Richland Operations Office FOIA Public Liaison, Richard Buel, at (509) 376-3375, or by mail at P.O. Box 550, Richland, Washington, 99352 for any further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at our address or at (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

-Original Signed By-

Dorothy Riehle
Freedom of Information Act Officer
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and External Affairs

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